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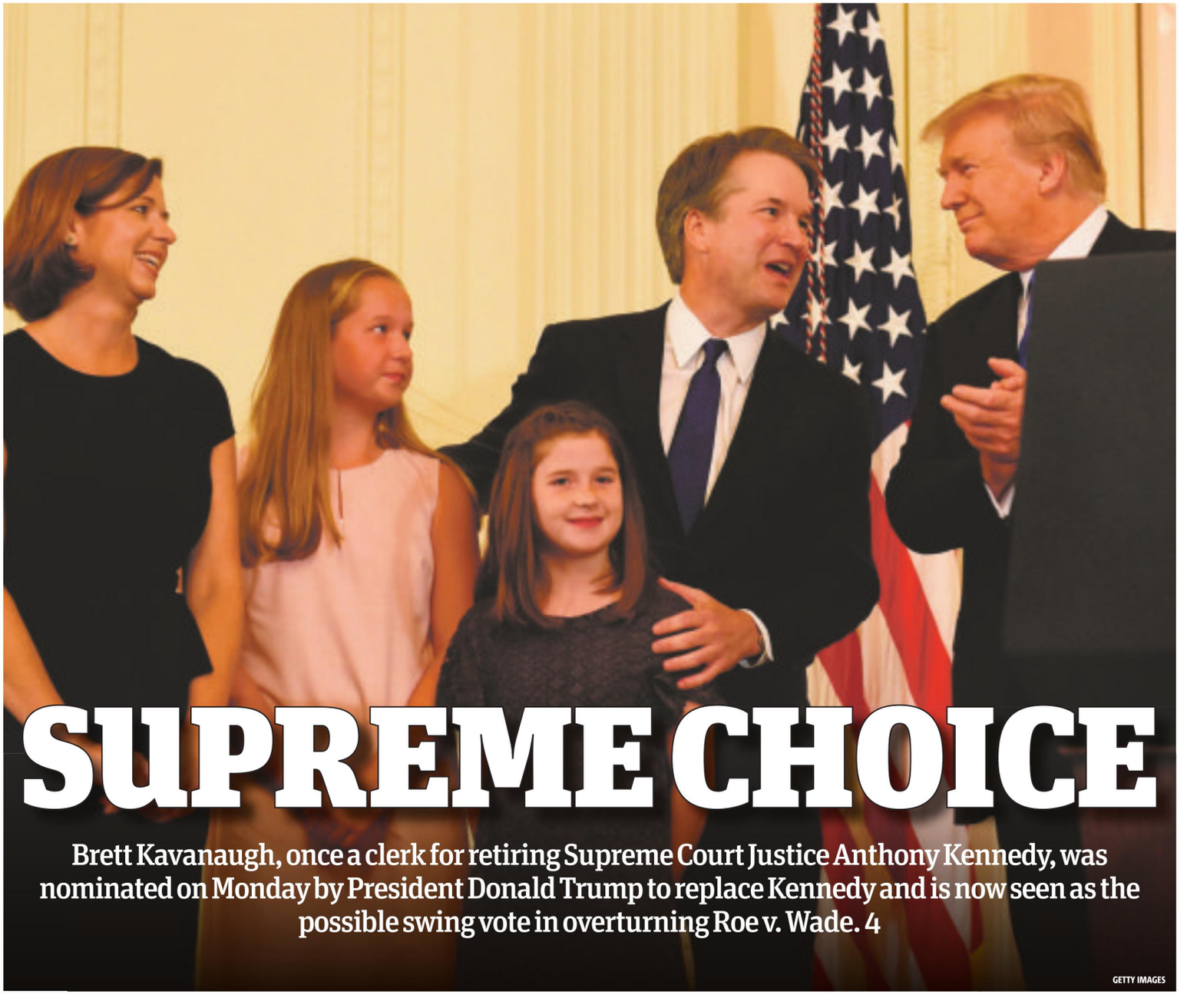

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Brett Kavanaugh, once a clerk for retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, was nominated on Monday by President Donald Trump to replace Kennedy and is now seen as the possible swing vote in overturning Roe v. Wade. 4

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EVA KIS, FEATURES EDITOR

New Yorkers have been spoiled this summer with amazing new green waterfront spaces, from Domino Park in Williamsburg to Hunters Point South in Long Island City. Today, Brooklyn Bridge Park's final pier opens, bringing five acres of lawn, over 500 trees, a labyrinth, an outdoor infinity room and a nautical playground to the banks of the East River in DUMBO. Check out our guide to Pier 3 on page 22.

BK MAN ARRESTED FOR SUBWAY PIPE BEATING

1 Police have arrested a Brooklyn man in connection with a "vicious attack" on the subway in which he allegedly hit another straphanger in the face with a metal pipe, fracturing his skull. Geovannie Nieves, 35, of Crown Heights, Brooklyn, has been charged with felony assault with a weapon. The attack occurred Saturday night on a 2 train near Chambers Street and West Broadway in Manhattan, according to NYPD. Officials posted a photo of the suspect to Twitter, saying that the man was wanted for assaulting a 59-year-old male with a pipe. Police say that cellphone footage from within the train shows the two men arguing, with Nieves swinging a metal pipe at the other man's head. Nieves was reportedly panhandling before the argument broke out. The victim, identified as Michael Vansluytman, told the New York Post that the fight began because he did not have any money to give Nieves. After the attack, Vansluytman was taken to a local hospital with a fractured skull and broken eye socket. "He was up in my face, so I said please get out of my face," Vansluytman told the Post. **KRISTIN TOUSSAINT**

CROATIA SACKS VUKOJEVIC OVER UKRAINE MESSAGE

2 Croatia's Football Federation (HNS) sacked Ognjen Vukojevic, a member of the national team's coaching staff, over a "glory to Ukraine" video posted after Croatia beat Russia in the World Cup quarterfinals, HNS said in a statement on Monday. Vukojevic and Croatia defender Domagoj Vida published the video on social media after the match on Saturday in a move which was criticized by Russian politicians and led to a warning from FIFA's disciplinary committee. Relations between Ukraine and World Cup hosts Russia remain fraught after the latter's 2014 annexation of the Crimean peninsula and its backing for a pro-Russian uprising in the east of the country. HNS said it had revoked Vukojevic's accreditation at the World Cup and relieved him of his duties as an observer for the Croatia squad. "HNS hereby apologizes to the Russian public for the actions of a member of the Croatian delegation," it said. HNS said Vukojevic and Vida apologized for their statements, saying they were not intended to be political messages but "unfortunately left room for such interpretations."

CHRISTENING OF PRINCE LOUIS OF CAMBRIDGE AT ST JAMES'S PALACE

3 Prince Louis, the third child of Britain's Prince William and wife Kate, was christened at a small, private ceremony at St James's Palace on Monday. Missing from the ceremony was his great-grandmother, Queen Elizabeth. Louis is the fifth in line to the British throne.

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TRUMP'S LONGTIME DRIVER SUES FOR BACK WAGES

4 A New York man who said he was Donald Trump's personal driver for more than 20 years sued the president's company on Monday, claiming he was not paid for thousands of hours of overtime. Noel Cintron, 59, said the Trump Organization has not paid him for 3,300 hours of overtime in the last six years or given him a "meaningful" raise for 12 years. The Trump Organization said Cintron was paid fairly. Cintron is seeking damages that his lawyer said could reach $400,000, including punitive damages and sums for federal and state labor law violations. The unpaid overtime alone totaled more than $178,000, at $54.09 per hour, and could have been higher but for a statute of limitations, the complaint said. "In an utterly callous display of unwarranted privilege and entitlement and without even a minimal sense of noblesse oblige President Donald Trump has, through the defendant's entities, exploited and denied significant wages to his own longstanding personal driver," the complaint said. The Trump Organization disagreed. "Mr. Cintron was at all times paid generously and in accordance with the law," a rep said in an email.

CHRIS SET TO BECOME HURRICANE, BERYL POSES

5 Tropical Storm Chris strengthened in the mid-Atlantic and was expected to become a hurricane on Monday evening or Tuesday, while the former Hurricane Beryl dwindled into a heavy rainstorm threatening to bring flooding to Puerto Rico, forecasters said. Chris, which formed off the North Carolina coast early on Sunday, was packing maximum sustained winds near 70 miles per hour (110 kph) on Monday afternoon, causing swells that will batter the coasts of the Carolinas for the next few days, the National Hurricane Center said. "These swells could cause life-threatening surf and rip current conditions," it said. As of 5 p.m. EDT, the storm was about 215 miles south-southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. A tropical storm becomes a hurricane when its top sustained winds reach 74 mph. Chris will begin a northeastern course from late Tuesday off the U.S. Atlantic coast, the center said, adding that projections showed it possibly making landfall in the Canadian province of Nova Scotia late on Wednesday or early on Thursday.

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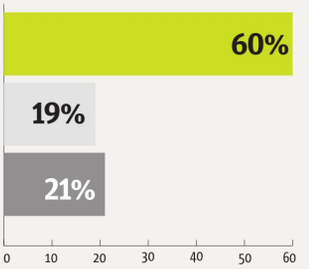
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

Should every person the president nominates to serve as a judge or in a government position receive an up or down vote on the floor of the Senate?



U.S. Voters believe every person the president nominates to serve as a judge or in a government position should receive an up-or-down vote on the floor of the Senate. — **60%**

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Trump picks conservative judge Kavanaugh for Supreme Court

The 53-year-old conservative will face a fight for confirmation from Democrats.

President Donald Trump on Monday announced Brett Kavanaugh as his nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court, picking a conservative federal appeals court judge who survived a previous tough Senate confirmation battle and helped investigate Democratic former President Bill Clinton in the 1990s.

In picking the 53-year-old Kavanaugh, Trump aimed to entrench conservative control of the court for years to come with his second lifetime appointment to the nation's highest judicial body in his first 18 months as president.

Kavanaugh now faces what appears to be another fierce fight for confirmation in the Senate, where Trump's fellow Republicans hold a slim majority. If confirmed, Kavanaugh would replace long-serving conservative Justice Anthony Kennedy, who announced his retirement on June 27 at age 81.

The nominee has amassed a solidly conservative judicial record since 2006 on the influential U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, the same court where three current justices including Chief Justice John Roberts previously served. Some conservative activists have questioned whether he would rule sufficiently aggressively as a justice.

Kavanaugh potentially could serve on the high court for decades. Trump's other leading candidates for the post were fellow federal appellate judges Thomas Hardiman, Raymond Kethledge and Amy Coney Barrett.

Kavanaugh served as a senior White House official under Republican former President George W. Bush before Bush nominated him to the appeals

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court in 2003. But some Democrats accused him of excessive partisanship and it took three years before the Senate eventually voted to confirm him.

Kavanaugh worked for Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel whose investigation of Clinton helped spur an effort by congressional Republicans in 1998 and 1999 to impeach the Democratic president and remove him from office. Kavanaugh in 2009 changed his tune on the Starr probe, arguing that presidents should be free from civil lawsuits, criminal prosecutions and investigations while in office.

Trump defeated Clinton's wife, Hillary Clinton, in the 2016 presidential election and has disparaged both Clintons.

Democrats in the past also have pointed to Kavanaugh's work for Bush during the recount fight in the pivotal state of Florida in the 2000 presidential election, a controversy that was resolved only after the conservative-majority Supreme Court sided with Bush over Democratic candidate Al Gore, settling the election outcome.

Kavanaugh once served as a Supreme Court clerk under Kennedy.

The appointment will not change the ideological breakdown of a court that already has a 5-4 conservative majority, but nevertheless could move the court to the right. Kennedy sometimes joined the liberal justices on key rulings on divisive social issues like abortion and gay rights, a practice his replacement may not duplicate.

Kennedy, 81, announced on June 27 plans to retire after three decades on the court, effective on July 31.

Republicans hold a slim 51-49 majority in the Senate, though with ailing Sen. John McCain battling cancer in his home state of Arizona they currently can muster only 50 votes. Without Republican defections, however, Senate rules leave Democrats with scant options to block confirmation of Trump's nominee.

A group of Democratic senators from Republican-leaning states — lawmakers who could be pivotal in the confirmation fight — declined Trump's invitation to attend the White House announcement.

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TRUMP SUPREME COURT PICK COULD HAVE 'SEISMIC IMPACT'

Analysis

SAM NEWHOUSE

Widespread shock and outright hysteria quickly followed the news that President Trump would within two years get a second U.S. Supreme Court pick. But legal experts say that reaction may actually be justified, as adding another conservative to the court could signal a once-in-a-generation shift in the nation's highest court of law.

"I was extraordinarily depressed when Justice Kennedy announced his retirement. I was a little bit comforted knowing I was not overreacting in my deep malaise," said Stacy Hawkins, a professor at Rutgers Law School in Camden. "It is going to represent a fundamental shift in the court. This is a monumental appointment. The court has not been this conservative in generations. It is going to represent a really significant ideological and political shift, and it's going to have, I think, a seismic impact on the rule of law."

It's too early to tell whether doomsday scenarios prophesied by some Democrats and liberals of across-the-board rollback of reproductive rights, LGBT rights, affirmative action and other legal issues will come true. While Supreme Court justices tend to respect precedents set by previous courts, such as 1973's Roe v. Wade decision, the new court could seriously curtail some rights without fully overturning them.

"There are so many ways that Roe could be limited and restricted that it becomes an essential nullity," Hawkins said, adding, "There's still lots of undecided legal questions around LGBTQ rights. I think we would certainly see an end to any further progression of the expansion of those rights."

President Donald Trump, seen after announcing an executive order. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Another change to the court will be the loss of its swing vote. Retiring justice Anthony Kennedy was a Republican but often ruled in favor of liberal causes, most notably authoring the decision that legalized gay marriage in 2015. Hawkins said one "silver lining" in Kennedy's departure is that Chief Justice John Roberts, a Republican who famously broke ranks with his party to cast the deciding vote upholding Obamacare in 2013, may shift toward filling that role.

"As chief justice, he plays a special role in trying to shepherd the court's reputation and legacy through a fraught political time," she said. "He might emerge as the one who takes on the mantle of the centrist justice, and that would be a welcome, welcome change."

But how much does loyalty matter in choosing a Supreme Court pick? Ultimately, Hawkins said she believes Trump's Supreme Court nomination choice probably came down to the candidate's personal loyalty to him.

"Trump values loyalty above all else," she said. "He's going to want a loyalist that is going to rule favorably when his administration is on the docket. Of course, his administration has been on the docket quite a bit and that's going to continue. That's the most important thing, someone who is not only going to be loyal to him personally but to the Republican Party."

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Judge rejects Trump detention request term detention of immigrant children

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A U.S. federal judge on Monday rejected the Trump administration's request to allow long-term detention of illegal immigrant children, a setback for President Donald Trump's executive order to end the separation of immigrant families.

Los Angeles U.S. District Court Judge Dolly Gee dismissed as "dubious" and "unconvincing" the U.S. Justice Department's arguments to modify a 1997 settlement that says children can only be held in immigration detention for up to 20 days.

The government made the request in June to allow it to keep underage migrants in detention alongside parents, after a public outcry over its policy of separating children from parents who entered the United States illegally.

"It is apparent that the Defendants' Application is a cynical attempt to shift responsibility to the Judiciary for over 20 years of Congressional inaction and ill-considered Executive action that have led to the current stalemate," Gee, the daughter of Chinese immigrants, said in her ruling.

The government asked Gee to suspend the Flores settlement's requirement that immigrant children be held only in facilities that meet state child welfare licensing regulations, so as to allow whole families to be detained together.

Gee, who was appointed to the bench by President Barack Obama, said the government had known for years that there was "no state licensing readily available for facilities that house both adults and children."

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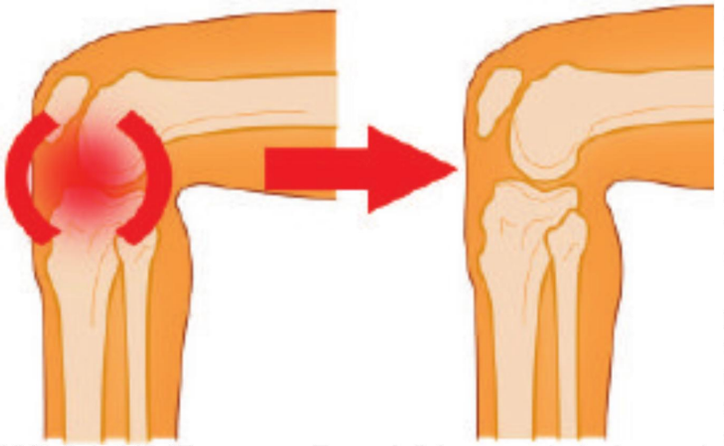

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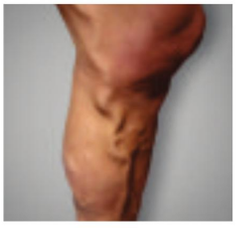

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New York City is the third-worst-run city in the country, according to a new report. WIKIMEDIA

Start spreadin' the boos: NYC ranked one of the worst-run cities

A report looking at the city's debt and low high school graduation rates concluded that five boroughs aren't run well.

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New Yorkers may feel like they live in one of the best cities in America, but a new report has named New York City one of the worst-run cities in the United States.

The city was ranked the third-worst-run city in the country according to a WalletHub study published on Monday.

This is the second year in a row New York landed near the bottom on WalletHub's ranking of the best-run cities. Of 150 cities measured on a variety of "quality of services," New York came in at No. 148, above only Detroit and Washington, D.C.

Gulfport, Mississippi, and San Francisco came in above New York, rounding out the top five worst-run cities.

WalletHub's list looks at how effective the local leadership is, but how can that be measured?

"One way is by determining a city's operating efficiency," the report says. "In other words, we can learn how well city officials manage and spend public funds by comparing the quality of services residents receive against the city's total budget."

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The study's quality-of-services score looked at financial stability, education, health, safety, economy and infrastructure and pollution.

New York fared well in the safety area, but its finances and economic issues dragged down its overall score. According to the report, New York has some of the highest long-term outstanding debt.

Per the Citizens Budget Commission, a nonprofit that works to change the city and state's finances, New York City's debt grew to $116 billion at the end of fiscal year 2017. The city's debt has grown 71 percent since 2005, the nonprofit says, which then affects the city's budget every year.

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Out of 150 cities measured on a variety of "quality of services," New York came in at No. 148.

The report also dinged New York City when it came to education. The high school graduation rate here is 74.3 percent, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced in February.

Though that's above some cities like Washington (73 percent in the 2016-17 school year) and Toledo, Ohio (64.5 percent), it's far below other cities, like Huntington Beach, California, which ranked No. 1 under the education category and has a high school graduation rate of 98 percent.

Nampa, Idaho, came in at the overall top spot on the list, followed by Provo, Utah; Boise, Idaho; Lexington-Fayette, Kentucky; and Missoula, Montana. Boston came in at No. 81 and Philadelphia at 134.

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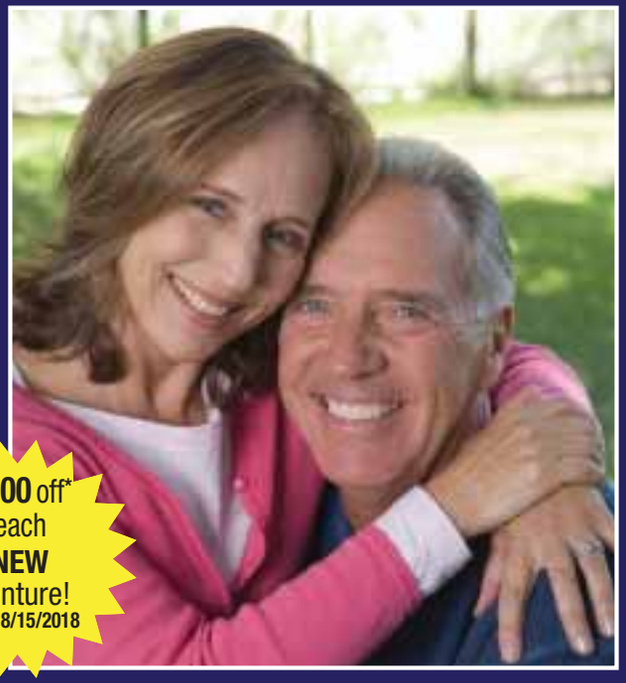

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New York City has seen a record-low number of traffic fatalities for the first six months of 2018. GETTY IMAGES

Traffic fatalities at an all-time low so far in 2018: Mayor

The first half of the year has seen the lowest number of traffic fatalities in New York City for any six-month period, marking progress with Vision Zero efforts.

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As of June 30, officials recorded a record-low 81 traffic fatalities in the city so far this year.

The first half of 2018 saw the lowest number of traffic fatalities ever measured during a six-month period in New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced on Monday.

As of June 30, officials recorded a record-low 81 traffic fatalities in the city so far this year. This is only the second instance in which fewer than 100 traffic fatalities occurred in New York City in a half-year period.

The mayor cited the city's Vision Zero efforts for the improvement and specifically the city's speed-camera law, which de Blasio is fighting to preserve as the state Senate threatens the program.

"No loss of life on our streets is acceptable," de Blasio said in a statement. "Under Vision Zero, we have made enormous strides towards safer streets for all, with traffic fatalities declining for the past four-and-a-half-years. But we will never rest on our laurels, and will keep fighting for the safety of our fellow New Yorkers."

There are 140 school zones in New York City that currently have speed cameras under state legislation. City officials and transit advocates say that the speed camera program has helped keep children safe from traffic accidents. The program is set to expire on July 25 unless the Senate passes an extension.

Lawmakers would need to go back to Albany for a special session to pass that extension, as this year's legislative session ended in June.

"The state Senate's failure to act on speed cams puts this progress, and the lives of school children, at risk," de Blasio said. "They must act now — lives are at stake."

Previously, the record low for traffic fatalities over a six-month period was the first half of 2017, when officials recorded 93 fatalities.

So far in 2018, traffic fatalities have decreased or stayed the same in all modes of transportation except for motorcyclists compared to the first six months of last year. Across the city, cyclist fatalities dropped from 10 to 7, motor vehicle occupant fatalities from 27 to 15, and pedestrian fatalities remained at 47. Motorcyclist fatalities, though, saw a slight increase from 11 to 12.

"Nowhere else in America has seen our continued year-over-year declines in traffic fatalities," said DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg in a statement. "Now, under the mayor's leadership, we are going on a fifth straight year of overall declines in fatalities with national trends going in the reverse direction."

Trottenberg also touched on the speed camera issue, saying that they play a "central role" in making city streets safer, and that she is "concerned that inaction by Albany could bring a tragic end to that progress."

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How not to be a knucklehead on Venmo

NerdWallet is a personal finance website.

ISTOCK

Venmo takes the anxiety out of splitting brunch and utility bills. With a linked bank account and someone's username, you can send and request cash in a few taps. But some wonder if the app makes it a little too easy for people to hit each other up for money.

Just ask Soham Maniar of Houston. He was hosting a friend for a weekend, and the two took an UberPool to dinner. Later, Maniar was surprised to receive a request for $2.85, his half of the ride cost.

"When someone is nice enough to host a friend or guest, it doesn't mean you have to give them something in return, but I think in a world without Venmo, that friend would not have asked me for $2.85 in cash after I got out of a cab," Maniar says.

You can take advantage of Venmo without ticking off your friends with these simple tips from Maniar and others.

Try not to sweat the small stuff

"Anything under $20 with friends I usually never charge," Maniar says. "And if someone did something nice for me, I try and return the favor when it makes sense."

There's no right threshold. After all, if it's almost payday and you have a $30 bank balance, covering a co-worker's coffee might not be in your budget. "It's not nickel-and-diming if [the amount] does make a difference," says Erin Lowry, author of "Broke Millennial."

Don't stealth-charge

Venmo and other peer-to-peer payment apps let you request money without asking first — even without a username, which you can find with the app's search function — but that doesn't mean you should. Establishing how you'll split the bill (or that you'll split the bill) ahead of time helps avoid annoyance later.

Spell it out

Use the memo field to add detail about the request, especially when you're splitting multiple bills.

After a weekend trip, a simple note, such as "Hotel $100, gas $40, dinner $30" can take the stress off your recipient, particularly if you're requesting a large chunk of money.

Make your transactions private

You can control who sees your transactions on an individual basis or set a default for your account: private or friends only. If your friend's account is wide open but yours is locked up, the app will honor the more restrictive setting, according to Venmo's website.

To privatize your feed, open your Venmo menu, scroll down to "settings," and then click on "privacy." Be sure to click "save" when you're done.

It's like real life — but (hopefully) better

Does Venmo actually make people ruder? Or is it just another way to demonstrate rudeness? It's a chicken-or-egg argument with no easy answer — but some suspect it's more often the latter.

"If you're a jerk, you're probably going to be a bigger jerk [on Venmo]," Swann says.

Lowry agrees: "If you're somebody who remembers that four years ago your friend borrowed money for coffee and never paid you back, you're going to use Venmo that way," she says.

The good news is that if you're considerate about money outside of the digital world, you're well on your way to being considerate about Venmo. Think of it as a tool for payment, not a substitute for communication, and soon you'll be splitting brunch without provoking a single eye roll.

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Weinstein appeared in New York state Supreme Court, where he entered his not guilty plea. GETTY IMAGES

Weinstein pleads not guilty in third sex assault case

The disgraced movie mogul is facing charges for a third criminal sex assault case.

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Disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein pleaded not guilty in court Monday when he was arraigned on charges for a third criminal sex assault case brought against him.

Weinstein is charged with a criminal sexual act in the first degree for a forcible sexual act against a third woman in 2006, according to Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance's office, as well as two counts of predatory sexual assault, a felony which carries a minimum sentence of 10 years and a maximum of life in prison.

These charges are in addition to the charges of rape regarding forcible sexual acts against two women in 2013 and 2004. Weinstein was arrested and charged for those cases in May, when he appeared at a Manhattan NYPD station and was promptly released on $1 million bail.

Weinstein appeared in New York state Supreme Court on Monday, where he entered his not guilty plea and was then released on bail.

"We fight these battles one day at a time, and today we won this round," defense attorney Ben Brafman said outside the court.

With the announcement of the third criminal sex assault case brought against Weinstein, the Manhattan DA said that the 66-year-old movie mogul is charged with "some of the most serious sexual offenses that exist under New York's Penal Law."

"This indictment is the result of the extraordinary courage exhibited by the survivors who have come forward," Vance continued in a statement. "Our investigation continues. If you are a survivor of the predatory abuse with which Mr. Weinstein is charged, there is still time to pursue justice. Please call us at 212-335-9373."

More than 70 women, mostly young actresses and women employed in other areas of the movie business, have accused Weinstein, who co-founded the Miramax film studio, of sexual misconduct, including rape, in a series of incidents dating back decades.

"We fight these battles one day at a time, and today we won this round."
Defense attorney Ben Brafman

The accusations gave rise to the #MeToo movement in which hundreds of women publicly accused powerful men in business, government and entertainment of sexual harassment and abuse, lifting a shroud that had long shielded such behavior.

Prosecutors contend that Weinstein forcibly performed oral sex on the woman who was his 2006 victim. The charges against Weinstein stem from a months-long, ongoing investigation by the NYPD and the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.

Prosecutors have not named the women accusing Weinstein of sexual assault. Details from the 2004 case align with an account by Lucia Evans, a former aspiring actress who told the New Yorker magazine in October 2017 that Weinstein forced her to perform oral sex.

London police and Los Angeles prosecutors have also been reviewing sexual assault accusations against Weinstein.

Reuters contributed to this report.

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DA pushing for access to NYPD records

Manhattan DA Cyrus Vance is seeking electronic access to the disciplinary records of NYPD officers and the department's investigative reports. GETTY IMAGES

In an effort to prevent wrongful arrests and prosecutions, Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance is pushing to gain access to NYPD records, The New York Times reported.

Vance seeks to electronically access disciplinary records of NYPD officers as well as the department's investigative reports that include detectives' notes on evidence and witness and victim statements.

It is a level of accessibility that advocates have been requesting since July 2014, when the NYPD did not make public the disciplinary records of Officer Daniel Pantaleo, who put Eric Garner in a fatal chokehold, until ordered by a judge to do so.

"We are saying to the police, 'You have a lot of information that could bear upon the credibility of witnesses, both civilian and police, and before we take away a person's liberty based on that information, we would like to have everything,'" said Karen Friedman Agnifilo, Vance's chief assistant.

The Manhattan DA's office discovered the wrong person was arrested in at least 43 cases so far this year, she added.

NYPD officials thus far have denied Vance's request, and the department for years would release disciplinary records only when a background check was requested from a prosecutor on a testifying officer, Lawrence Byrne, deputy police commissioner for legal affairs, told the Times.

However, the state Supreme Court determined that prosecutors do not need to access the personal records of officers until trial to access if there is enough evidence to warrant an arrest.

"Whether an officer was disciplined five years ago for making a bad stop has nothing to do with whether a defendant today murdered his mother," Byrne said.

Prosecutors countered that nine out of 10 cases do not get to a hearing or trial as defendants, who are usually incarcerated, plead guilty before knowing the history of NYPD officers involved in the case. Additionally, defense lawyers said clients frequently decide on pleas with just vague information regarding witnesses.

"We would like access to this in a way that allows us to provide information not just to us but to the defense as well."

Friedman Agnifilo

As investigative reports could include information on confidential informants, undercover officers, unsolved cases and witnesses, the NYPD is "not treating prosecutors any differently than we are treating the FBI or the state police" by not granting them unrestricted access to departmental records, Byrne said.

"We would like access to this in a way that allows us to provide information not just to us but to the defense as well," Friedman Agnifilo said. "Defense attorneys are with their clients trying to make decisions about whether or not to plead guilty." NIKKI M. MASCALI

Eight boys rescued from flooded Thai caves, now up to 'rain god'

Monday's rescue went smoother than Sunday's, but heavy rain is expected.

Eight of the 12 boys trapped with their soccer coach in a labyrinthine flooded cave complex in northern Thailand have been freed, authorities said on Monday, adding that the time for rescuing the others will depend on the weather.

The mission, which started Sunday, is a race against the clock with heavy rain expected this week which would again flood the tunnels with fast-flowing, rising water.

A crack team of foreign divers and Thai Navy SEALS guided four boys on Sunday and a further four on Monday through narrow, submerged channels from the muddy bank deep inside the Tham Luang cave where they had been stranded for more than two weeks.

"We have set the plan for four people so if they want to take five out [at the same time], then they need to change the plan."

Narongsak Osottanakorn

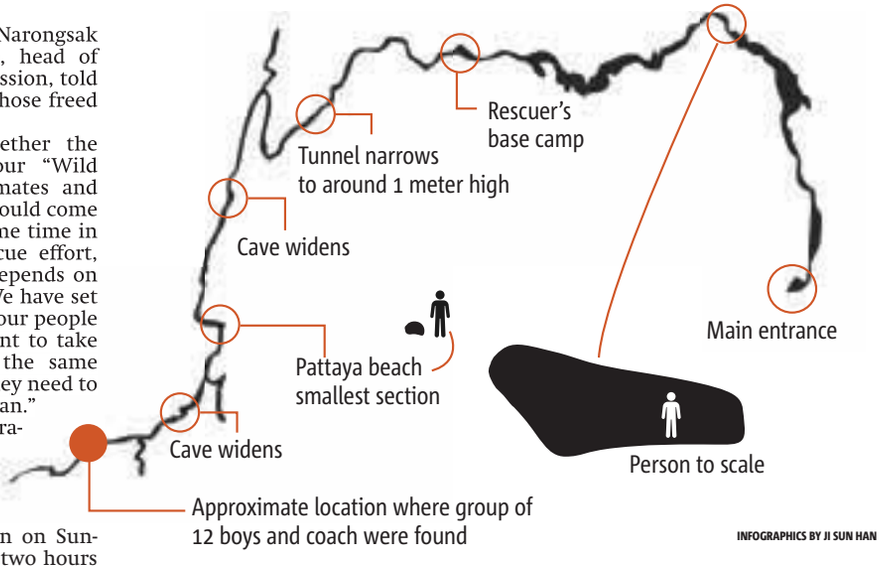
"All four boys have arrived at hospital, all are safe," Narongsak Osottanakorn, head of the rescue mission, told reporters of those freed on Monday.

Asked whether the remaining four "Wild Boars" teammates and their coach would come out at the same time in the next rescue effort, he said: "It depends on the plan. ... We have set the plan for four people so if they want to take five out (at the same time), then they need to change the plan."

The operation on Monday went more smoothly than on Sunday and took two hours less as the practice became more refined, he said.

But he added rescuers may need more than 20 hours, to replan and replenish oxygen supplies, to be ready to mount the next mission.

Then it will depend on the weather. Heavy rain has struck the region intermittently over the last three days and further downpours could set back draining


Rescuer's base camp
Tunnel narrows to around 1 meter high
Cave widens
Main entrance
Pattaya beach smallest section
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Person to scale
Approximate location where group of 12 boys and coach were found

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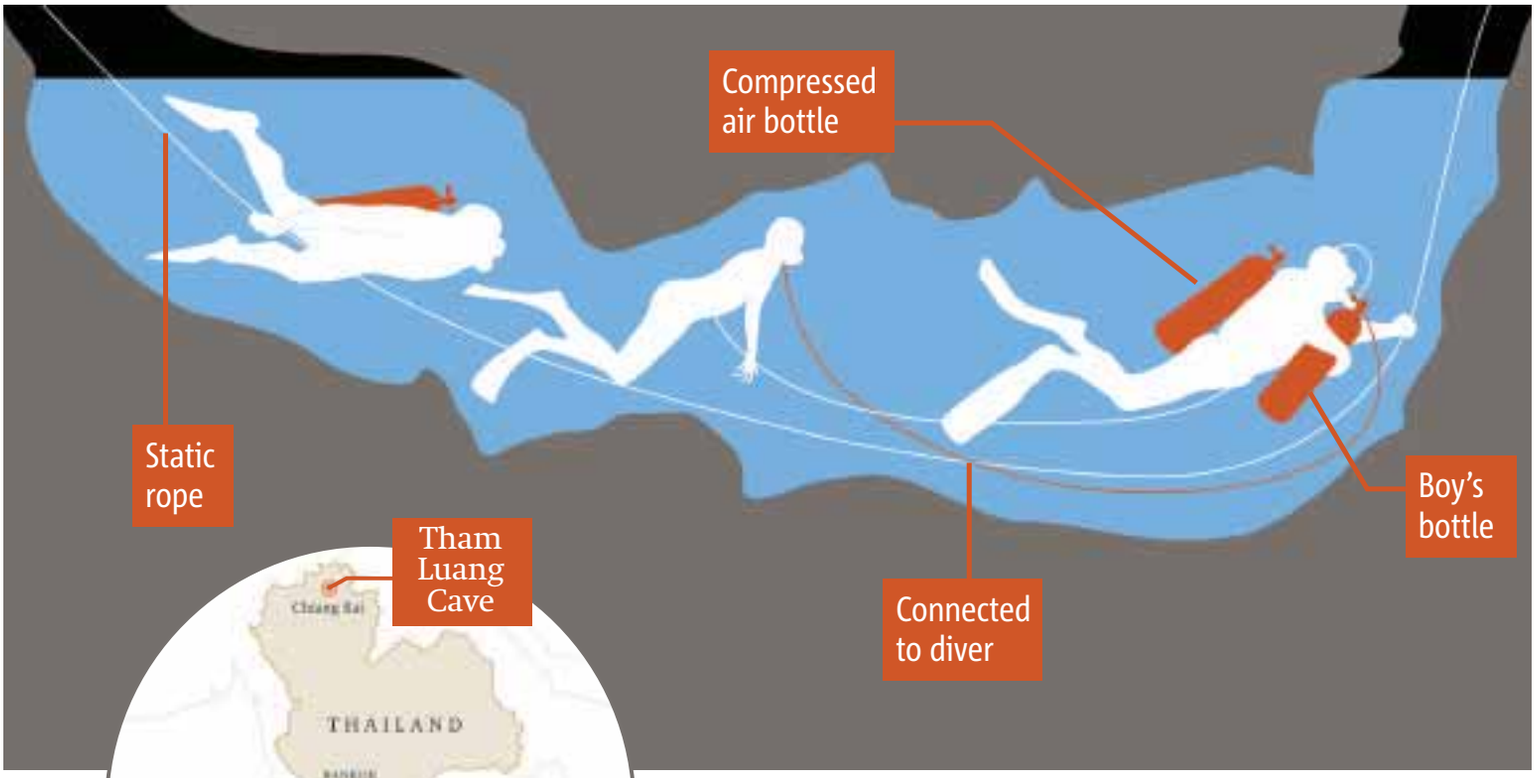
Thirteen divers and five Thailand Navy SEALs make up the team. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES



efforts at the cave.

"As all of us said, the main thing is we still need more than 20 hours to get ready," Narongsak said. "It is up to the environment. If the rain god helps us, then we may be able to work fast. But if the rain god doesn't help, then it could be challenging."

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha visited the cave to inspect the operation with navy rescuers giving him a rousing cheer.

"The prime minister said that this kind of event should never happen again on Thai soil," Narongsak said. "We should learn from this experience to prevent it from happening again."

The team became trapped on June 23 when they set out to explore the cave after soccer practice and rains flooded the tunnels, trapping them inside.

British divers found the 13 a week ago.

But the efforts to rescue the boys — aged between 11 and 16 — have proved a monumental challenge. Some are not even strong swimmers, and have had to learn to dive in conditions that claimed the life of a former Thai Navy SEAL on Friday.

Thirteen foreign divers and five members of Thailand's elite navy SEAL unit make up the main team guiding the boys to safety.

Authorities have said the boys are being held close to divers and wear oxygen masks to enable normal breathing.

"The rescue has been immense," said volunteer helper Somjit Saenset, 56. "I'm so happy the children came out safely. I want to send my moral support for all involved" in the rest of the mission.

The president of soccer's governing body, FIFA, has invited the boys to the World Cup final in Moscow on Sunday if they make it out in time. REUTERS

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CAUSING A RUCKUS AT THE MOVIES

Movies are expensive. Let's get that out of the way first and foremost. That's not the point of my Grumble today. However, it might be the motivation behind it. When MoviePass rolled out, I immediately signed up to save a few bucks on my addiction to seeing lousy bloated action movies. But, each time I go to see a movie these days — without fail — there is some sort of distraction within the theater that totally pulls me out of the movie. Either someone checking their phone with their brightness all the way up or making extremely loud chit-chat with whoever they are sitting with. National chains like Alamo Drafthouse have a strict no-cellphones and no-talking rules where they will kick out guests after a few warnings. So why can't bigger chains like AMC and Loews adopt these kinds of rules? If not, people who create distractions during movies should be prepared for vigilante justice in the form of popcorn being flung at them from across the theater.

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BAGELS SPREAD ISSUES!

Every time I buy a bagel – whether from a street vendor or actual deli – they give a dusting of butter! It's like a hologram. Is there a butter conspiracy we don't know about? Yet, when I buy a cream cheese bagel, there's enough cream cheese to grout my entire bathroom! Less cream cheese, more butter please.
- Alison Forde, *Metro New York reader*

PEOPLE WHO EAT FOOD AT THE THEATER

While watching a Broadway show ("Hello, Dolly!"), I tried to overlook the person sitting next to me texting (including using the speech-to-text feature on her phone) and loudly singing but eating crunchy breadsticks? That's a bit much. Who brings bread sticks to the theater?
- Anonymous *Metro New York reader*

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Taurus Don't feel you must make a snap decision just because someone else does. Dig deep and find out exactly what's entailed before you make a commitment. Better to be safe than sorry.

Gemini An emotional incident can ruin your day. Try to be patient with loved ones who depend on you for assistance. Delegate jobs if you are running out of time.

Cancer Get out and do things that inspire you to get going with a creative project. Someone you encounter will make an impression that will affect the way you move forward.

Leo Do your best to pitch in and help. The difference you make will influence the way others treat you. A partnership will spark your interest. Don't bite off more than you can chew.

Virgo Size up a situation that could cause a work-related problem for you and make some adjustments. Your insight will ward off a setback. Personal improvements will help.

Libra Spread a little joy to lift your spirits. Taking short trips, visiting old friends or learning something new will encourage personal growth.

Scorpio Keep things moving forward by not taking on too much or letting things overwhelm you. You are best off taking care of what's necessary and giving yourself time to rejuvenate.

Sagittarius Don't let your storytelling get you into a fix with someone you include in your version of events. A physical challenge should be handled with caution.

Capricorn If you want something, you must be willing to do the work yourself. The satisfaction you get digging in and accomplishing what you set out to do will boost your confidence.

Aquarius Don't give in to someone putting pressure on you. Set the record straight by making it clear what you will and won't do. Counter with something practical.

Pisces Check your emotions at the door when getting together with relatives or peers who don't always share your opinions. Listen, but don't feel obliged to share your point of view. EUGENIA LAST

"No Passport Required" debuts on PBS at 9 p.m. tonight. CHRISTINE CARREIRA

Marcus Samuelsson on OZY Fest, Anthony Bourdain and diversity in the kitchen

"Food and culture have always been what's brought people together."

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Immigrants are necessary to the culinary world, especially in the U.S. Just ask James Beard award winner, acclaimed author and fan-favorite "Chopped" judge Marcus Samuelsson, an Ethiopian-born, Swedish-raised chef and restaurateur who's been making his mark on America's food scene for decades.

Samuelsson hopes to celebrate the power of diversity and the impact immigrants have in the kitchen while serving as the chief food officer for OZY Fest July 21-22 in New York, as well as with his series "No Passport Required," which debuts tonight. We caught up with Samuelsson to chat about this year's fest, his friendship with Anthony Bourdain and more.

Why did you want to be a part of OZY Fest?

It's a very unique experience. Most festivals are single subject. Here's really a festival of the mind, where you have discussions about environment, about the political climate. What the community of OZY really does well is bring all types of thought leaders to the table. To be the chief food officer this year, it's a real privilege.

What do you plan to bring to the table as this year's chief food officer?

When we look at vendors and look at people to be part of it, we want it to be really about diversity and inclusion. This year in the middle of all this, my TV show with PBS "No Passport Required" is coming out, where we talk a lot about immigrant culture, what it's meant to America and looking at these great cities. OZY is an extension of that. It's highly diverse. There's people coming from all over the world. Immigrants and this conversation is obviously the moment that we're in too now. It's going to be a highly debated topic.

Anthony Bourdain had a big impact on Samuelsson. GETTY IMAGES

I'll tell you one thing, without immigrants in this country, we would eat very, very differently, much blander.

Do you believe food can break down barriers between people?

Food and culture have always been what's brought people together. If you want to learn about a culture, the easiest way is to set a table and have somebody from that culture cook for you. Next to that you have music, then you have literature and then you have, of course, art. Where would we be without the contribution of diversity and immigrants? It wouldn't be the America that we know and it definitely wouldn't be the America that I'm so passionately excited about.

Are you worried that the political climate will negatively impact the culinary world?

Being worried, there's nothing wrong with [it], because it forces you to think within what can people like myself, someone like Padma [Lakshmi] for example, someone like Martha Stewart do? We work within in the food culture and we discuss this constantly. We're highly passionate about it. For me, my work, I go deeper. Even with this show, this is an opportunity to think about, as an immigrant, feeling pushed. You kind of have to manage your emotion and then figure out what content can I be part of that brings people together in a new way that you maybe didn't see this culture or community before?

The beauty about America, it's a hard-fought battle where people go back and forth to create a better version. It may not look like it right now, but out of this, something else is going to come. Maybe this moment is that moment in time where conscious is going to shift and more learning and understanding on a spiritual level, on a connected level, can come out of it.

How much of an influence did Anthony Bourdain have on your approach to your series?

Tony has been hugely influential to me for over 20 years. "Kitchen Confidential" probably paved the way for "Yes, Chef," my memoir. There was no such thing as a chef's memoir before, at least not in my field, before "Kitchen Confidential."

Tony influenced me deeply by working and being around him many, many times, whether we were having a drink at a bar in New York or traveling to Ethiopia together. Tony was an amazing storyteller, be he was also an amazing listener. That's what I learned from him.

Some of my happiest moments with Tony is being deep in the Village of my wife, where he's just drinking coffee with butter or watching over someone chopping up innards and he can't wait to get his hands and eat on that. Just not being afraid to be somewhere else is something I learned from Tony.

We talked about his show a lot as we were doing it. He gave me advice. Not just from a professional standpoint, but as a friend, he's deeply missed.

Micro-weddings: The freedom of choosing how to get married

Say bye-bye to lavish weddings and hello to intimate ones.

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Smaller nuptials are now in style. ALL PHOTOS ISTOCK

In life, everything costs: being born, dying and even getting married. In fact, to live happily ever after in the U.S., on average, people invest more than $32,000, according to TheKnot.com, which researched 13,000 events nationwide.

The wedding-planning business represented, in 2016 alone, $72 trillion in profits, according to a report from consultancy IBISWorld. The dress, cake, DJ, photographer, food, hair, makeup, decoration — a universe exquisitely planned for the likes of those tying the knot. And prices go accordingly, not counting the immense stress that exists when planning an event for others to enjoy.

But now, lots of people are saying: enough. Not only because people fewer people are getting married—younger generations are choosing to postpone their wedding to live together as a couple—but people have less money, especially with a generation more committed and focused on the experience. In fact, IBISWorld shows that revenues for wedding planners will fall by 2021. But there is also opportunity for niche businesses and adaptations like "micro-weddings": small and personalized ceremonies. In the sharing-economy era, DIY weddings focus on experiences like getting married in a forest or doing your own catering. On Pinterest you can find ideas and inspiration and ideas for everything, from invitations to renting a dress. Decorations can be bought on Etsy, and if you feel like getting married like Darth Vader, it's just a click away. Weddings, after all, accommodate the taste of its brides and grooms.

"There are all kinds of factors, although weddings with lots of guests still prevail, I would say that there are two types of situations: the couple who decides to do an intimate and small wedding, and those who after doing a small ceremony still want a party with lots of people. For this to happen, factors such as budgets or the desire to invest the cost of the wedding in a more 'experiential' honeymoon, or people that just don't want to get involved in a party and what it implies, or simply because they do not like the formalism that an event like a wedding implies, because however relaxed it is, it still has certain protocols," explains wedding planner Julián Posada.

He adds that "small" is a relative term. "We should define what we mean by small. For example, there are weddings for 20 people, in which only family members, godparents and intimate friends attend. There are also weddings for 80 or 100 people, if the families and friends are a little more numerous, today protocols do not necessarily dictate the size of a celebration; rather, they are dictated by the character of the couple and their lifestyle, from there they select the venue, the ambience, food, music and the decoration."

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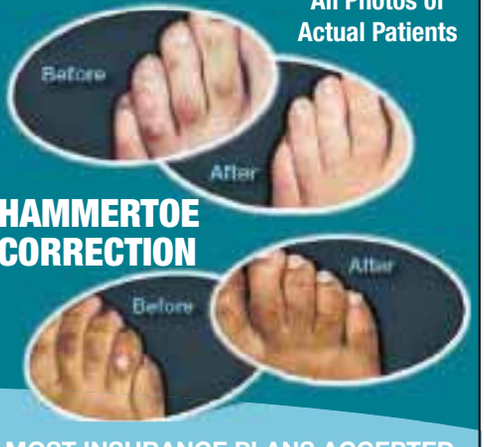

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> Julián Posada, wedding planner

However, Posada indicates there is a tendency to make things less traditional and closer to nature. Beaches and outdoor landscapes have displaced the chapel and the courthouse, because the intention is to make of the event something memorable, especially for those who are getting hitched. Forests, farms and greenery are what's trending.

"Today there is a huge desire to get married in the outdoors and for the wedding to be more bohemian — at least for the couples who are working with me — people are tending to strip the event of excesses of formality and come closer to real life," he emphasizes. "Couples in general want to find places that tell them a story, places where they can build a narrative and credible experiences."

Whether you go big or decide on something more intimate, everything today is valid. The important thing is not to throw a party so others can eat and criticize, but for everyone to be able to enjoy the moment and create a great memory.

Get married for free today thanks to Lifetime

Weddings can be expensive. Good news: if you're looking to tie the knot, you can do it for free today in seven U.S. cities. All you need to do is show up at the courthouse. The Lifetime TV channel is covering courthouse weddings all day at various locations in New York City, Boston, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, Atlanta and Dallas, up to 70 in each city, in celebration of the debut of the seventh season of "Married at First Sight" at 9 p.m. on Tuesday night. If you're in the Big Apple, head down to the City Clerk's Office at 141 Worth Street anytime from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. to get hitched for free. In Boston, join the festivities at 1 City Hall Square from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m.

In "Married at First Sight," a panel of counselors and experts including psychologist Dr. Jessica Griffin, sociologist Dr. Pepper Schwartz and marriage counselor and Pastor Calvin Roberson, bring together couples they believe are compatible. Couples will meet for the first time at the altar. Follow the couples throughout the season as they begin their lives together, leading up to an ultimate decision to stay together or file for divorce. The seventh season will take place in Dallas, Texas, and follow three new relationships.

"We're thrilled to celebrate the Married at First Sight season seven premiere with a tribute to love in these seven cities," Gena McCarthy, executive vice president and head of programming for Lifetime Unscripted said in a release. "'Married at First Sight' has been a part of countless couples' journeys to falling to love and we couldn't think of a more fun way to celebrate this lucky seventh season!"

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The final waterfront pier

Brooklyn Bridge Park's long-anticipated Pier 3 opens today, with five acres of green space, a labyrinth, a walk-in kaleidoscope and much more.

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Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 3 might be its most spectacular yet. Opening on July 11, Pier 3 adds five acres of green space to the DUMBO waterfront with unobstructed views of the East River and Manhattan — but that's not the best part.

At the northern edge of Pier 3 sits a labyrinth made of hedges, two public art pieces including a walk-in kaleidoscope, a kids playground and an Echo Game that plays with sound. The pier's perimeter has hexagonal picnic tables and moveable furniture like Adirondack chairs, while the interior garden is a gently rolling landscape that includes a cedar grove.

All of Brooklyn Bridge Park has come a long way. Just 12 years ago, its 85 acres were "still a barren stretch of industrial wasteland," in the words of former park President Regina Myer, whose nine years of work brought the park into the 21st century. Now, you'll find some of the best year-round lawns in the city, sports courts, barbecue grills, the spectacular Jane's Carousel, a nautical museum, St. Ann's Warehouse theater, and trendy shops and restaurants.

Pier 3 is the final pier to be completed and brings the park to 90% complete. Still to come are the Pier 2 Uplands (Fall 2018), Brooklyn Bridge Plaza and the permanent Squibb Park Pool (Summer 2020).

Echo Game

Here's everything you'll find on Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 3:

Labyrinth

Pier 3's main attraction is a whimsical garden maze with hedges of varying heights and "secret" space for special events.

Public art

Two pieces of art hide within the labyrinth. One is a walk-in kaleidoscope — think of it like an outdoor infinity room. The other is the Gunter Beltzig Seating, a semicircle of concrete seats that look like an amusement park spaceship ride.

Echo Game

Speak into one curved pipe and have a friend listen to the echo in one of the others spaced at various distances. The farther the sound travels, the more it changes!

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Nodding to the park's former role as a major shipping hub, Pier 3's playground has refinished and repurposed the bollards and cleats that anchored the ships to shore into playful objects.

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Mets' deGrom on pace for historically unlucky year

The New York ace has an ERA title and a career year in his sights, yet could make history for the wrong reason.

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New York Mets starting pitcher Jacob deGrom rightfully became his team's lone representative at the 2018 MLB All-Star Game when the rosters were revealed on Sunday night.

The 30-year-old is experiencing the finest season of his career and one of the best pitching campaigns in Mets franchise history.

He leads the league with a 1.79 ERA, ranks third among both pitchers and position players in with a 5.4 Wins Above Replacement (WAR) mark and eighth with 142 strikeouts and a 0.988 WHIP.

Obviously, that puts him in contention for the National League's Cy Young Award. The problem is that the team around him might cost him.

In 18 starts this season, deGrom is just 5-4 despite allowing one run or fewer in 13 of those outings. Somehow, the Mets are 7-11 in games he's started this season. Much of that has to do with an offensively challenged lineup that is giving him just 3.83 runs of support per outing and a bullpen whose ERA ranks 26th in the majors.

It has deGrom on pace for just nine wins this season.

There has never been a starting pitcher in the history of Major League Baseball that has won less than 10 games and won the Cy Young Award.

But deGrom is poised to win the ERA title which could make him either the least-supported or unluckiest starting pitcher to lead the majors in ERA.

Dating back to 1876, the first year of the National League and what is considered modern-day Major League Baseball, there have been only four starting pitchers in the game's history to win his league's ERA title with a mark under 2.00 and win less than 10 games. Take note of the lack of starts these pitchers had in their respective seasons, making the possibility of deGrom's season even more puzzling:

IN 2018, JACOB DEGROM IS ON PACE FOR:

33 STARTS

207.1 INNINGS

255 STRIKEOUTS
(8th in MLB)

1.79 ERA
(1st in MLB)

0.988 WHIP
(8th in MLB)

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PITCHERS WITH A SUB-2.00 ERA TITLE AND LESS THAN 10 WINS, MLB HISTORY:

STUMP WEIDMAN
DETROIT WOLVERINES

YEAR: *1881*
(84-GAME SEASON)

STARTS: *13*

ERA: *1.80*

RECORD: *8-5*

TEAM RECORD: *43-41*

HENRY BOYLE
ST. LOUIS MAROONS

YEAR: *1886*
(122-GAME SEASON)

STARTS: *24*

ERA: *1.76*

RECORD: *9-15*

TEAM RECORD: *43-79*

ED SIEVER
DETROIT TIGERS

YEAR: *1902*
(135-GAME SEASON)

STARTS: *23*

ERA: *1.91*

RECORD: *8-11*

TEAM RECORD: *52-83*

HOWIE POLLET
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

YEAR: *1943*

STARTS: *14*
(CALLED INTO MILITARY JUL. 12)

ERA: *1.75*

RECORD: *8-4*

TEAM RECORD: *105-49*

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Belgium, France square off in World Cup semis

Belgium is looking to make the World Cup Final for the first time ever but traditional power France stands in its way.

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Belgium will meet France in World Cup play for the third time ever. This time though, it's for a place in the 2018 FIFA World Cup Final on Sunday in Moscow. GETTY IMAGES

The first of two all-European semifinals at the 2018 FIFA World Cup kicks off this morning as Belgium's "golden generation" meets France for a spot in the largest soccer match on the planet.

This is one step further than both sides took at the previous World Cup in 2014. In Brazil, Belgium lost to Lionel Messi and Argentina in the quarterfinals while France bowed out to Germany at the same stage.

In what is considered to be the best team Belgium has ever fielded with premier talents like Eden Hazard, Kevin De Bruyne and Romelo Lukaku, the Red Devils are playing in their second-ever semifinal at a World Cup. The first came in 1986 when they lost to eventual champions Argentina.

Belgium has already beaten some notable world powers during its journey to the last four. A 2-1 win over Brazil in the quarterfinals was almost pedestrian compared to the thrilling 3-2 victory over Japan in the Round of 16 when it came back from two goals down in the second half. A 1-0 victory over fellow semifinalists England secured Group G for the Belgians.

The Red Devils are paced by the attacking brilliance of Eden Hazard, who spearheads Belgium's attack thanks to his ability to create space out of nothing and hold possession better than almost any player in the world.

While he has two goals at this year's tournament, his and De Bruyne's distribution abilities have put Lukaku in the conversation for the World Cup's Golden Boot. The striker is tied for second with four goals behind England's Harry Kane.

Some of the credit for Lukaku's efficiency in front of goal in Russia could be attributed to assistant coach Thierry Henry, who was one of the most prolific strikers in the world during his time on the pitch from 1994-2012.

But the 40-year-old coach will have split allegiances today as he applied his trade as a player with his home nation of France. Henry is the country's all-time leading goal scorer with 51 tallies while helping his home nation lift the 1998 World Cup and make another final in 2006.

"He is a huge player and a great gentleman of French football," France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris said on Monday. "It is a bit peculiar to see him with the Belgium team but that is his career and that is how he is learning his future career. I think his heart will be split tomorrow because, before anything, he remains French."

France has only that 1998 title in its World Cup trophy case. Since then, it's been a rocky and inconsistent ride for Les Bleus. In the previous four tournaments, France crashed out of the group stage in 2002 and 2010 before heartbreak in the 2006 final against Italy and 2014 quarterfinals.

But Didier Deschamps' fresh, new-look side has provided a resurgence in French soccer as this squad is the youngest remaining group in the tournament with an average age of 26.

The poster child for the youth movement has been 19-year-old striker Kylian Mbappe, who had a coming out party of sorts against Argentina after recording two goals and setting up a third by drawing a penalty in a 4-3 victory.

Both he and Antoine Griezmann have three goals in Russia, providing 75-percent of France's goals this tournament. Benjamin Pavard and Raphael Varane are the only other Frenchmen with goals at the World Cup this year.

That victory over Messi and company was the first legitimate sign that France could be a real threat at the World Cup. Les Bleus looked less than convincing in the Group Stage with narrow, one-goal victories over Australia and Peru before a goalless draw against Denmark.

Now it faces a Belgium side for a third time at the World Cup. If history suggests anything though, France is in good shape as it came away with wins in the 1938 group stage and 1986 in the third-place game.

WORLD CUP SEMIFINAL

BELGIUM v. FRANCE
TODAY, 10 AM ET, FOX

Isles add depth at center, ink Czech star Jan Kovar to 1-year deal

The New York Islanders announced on Monday morning that they agreed to a one-year, $2 million contract with Czech center Jan Kovar.

Most recently, the 28-year-old has played for Magnitogorsk Metallurg of the KHL, which is based in Russia and considered the second-best professional league in the world where he's developed into one of its best players.

Over the past five seasons, Kovar has averaged more than a point per game, racking up 97 goals and 189 assists (286 points) in 285 games.

He helped Magnitogorsk win a pair of Gagarin Cups and was a two-time KHL All-Star.

On the international stage, he's represented the Czech Republic in seven different tournaments, most recently acting as an alternate captain for his country at the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang. He recorded three goals and two assists in six games at the tournament.

He's not going to provide a lot of size at center, standing just 5-foot-10 and 171 pounds, but Kovar is a playmaker with great vision. His comfort on the puck and soft hands allow him to stickhandle into open spaces and create open looks for teammates.

The Islanders acquired two-time KHL All-Star and Czech Olympian Jan Kovar on Monday morning. GETTY IMAGES

Add a quick release on a dangerous wrist shot and the Islanders are looking at a talent that could center their second power-play unit:

There is also a possibility that Kovar could get an opportunity to center New York's second line based on what he's shown in the KHL. Granted, it's a sizable transition to move from Europe to the NHL so expecting a point-per-game average would be unfair.

But the Islanders are looking for a legitimate second-line center to work alongside Jordan Eberle and Anthony Beauvillier. Rookie of the Year Mathew Barzal is expected to be promoted to the team's first line after the departure of John Tavares, leaving a significant vacancy. The team is reported to be in talks for Ottawa Senators scorer Matt Duchene, which would provide the team with a proven No. 2 center moving forward.

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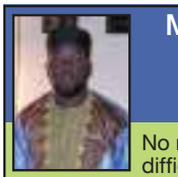

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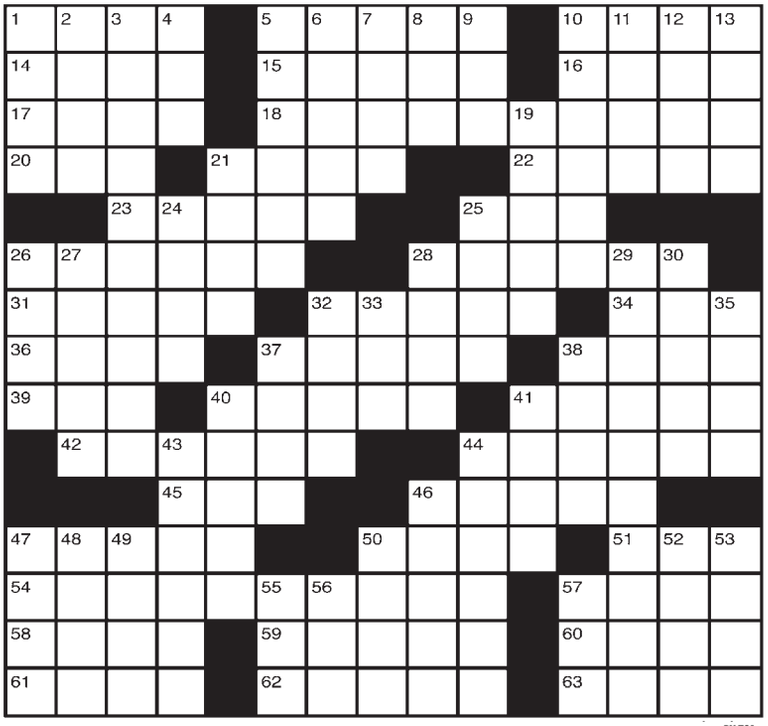
5 Three months ago
10 Use a dagger
14 "The __ Ranger"
15 Male bee
16 Test __; lab bottle
17 A single time
18 Defenseless
20 Luau dish
21 Grape bearer
22 Actor Buddy
23 Clamor
25 Chum
26 Polite person's word
28 Cowboy competitions
31 Vital artery
32 Yes-man
34 Compete
36 "__ the night before Christmas..."
37 Hauls
38 __ kick out of; enjoy
39 __ up; arrange
40 Male duck
41 Shows boldness
42 Regain money lost
44 Persnickety
45 Floor covering
46 __ the finger at; accuse
47 Scour
50 Brown seaweed
51 Cool __ cucumber
54 Stretchiness
57 Store away
58 Mom's sister
59 Dutch flower
60 Listen
61 "Why don't we!"
62 Blemishes
63 Notice

DOWN

1 Swine supper
2 Forbidden item
3 Burn up
4 Ball holder
5 Give counsel to
6 Dried fruit
7 Movie part
8 Hotel
9 Actor Brandon
10 Horse's home
11 Bathroom features
12 Qualified
13 Has-__; one no longer popular
19 All prepared
21 Passport stamp
24 Cereal grains
25 Okra and snap peas
26 Taps gently
27 Bring closer to the ground
28 Extreme anger
29 Exaggerates
30 Locations
32 Pitfall
33 Large tree
35 Simple
37 Medication
38 Put on weight
40 Uncertainty
41 Faucet problem
43 Pie bottoms
44 Unwanted nasal growths
46 __ four; iced pastry
47 Marine mammal
48 Classic board game
49 Carry on
50 Metric weight, for short
52 Ivory or Dial
53 Askew
55 "__ a long way to Tipperary..."
56 Piece of china
57 Feminine pronoun



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